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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA SUPPORTS CONVENING MEETING OF THE IAEA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON IRAN

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Classified By: Ambassador William B. Wood. Reasons: 1.4 (b) & (d)

¶1. (C) Polcouns demarched Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs Alejandro Borda and others at MFA on January 12, encouraging Colombia to support convening an emergency meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors to report Iran to the Security Council because of continued failure to comply with the IAEA's Safeguard Agreement and its recent breach of commitments under the Paris Agreement by breaking IAEA seals at enrichment facilities. Borda said the GOC supported the convening of an emergency meeting but wanted to see the draft resolution to be considered reporting Iran to the Security Council, before committing to support it. Polcouns said the U.S. expected Colombia to support reporting Iran to the Security Council.

¶2. (C) Borda reported that, at the request of the EU-3, the GOC also planned to demarche Iran in Vienna and Bogota to express concern about the breaking of the seals at Natanz.

¶3. (C) Ambassador met with Foreign Minister Barco on January 13 to encourage Colombian support for reporting Iran to the Security Council. He reiterated points noted above and suggested that Colombia's assistance in moving the issue to the Security Council, with former IAEA Board of Governor member and new Council member Perureceiving it, would promote an "Andean axis" on non-proliferation. Barco said she understood that the mood in Vienna was very "positive" and that she anticipated no problem in Colombia supporting the U.S. and EU-3.
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